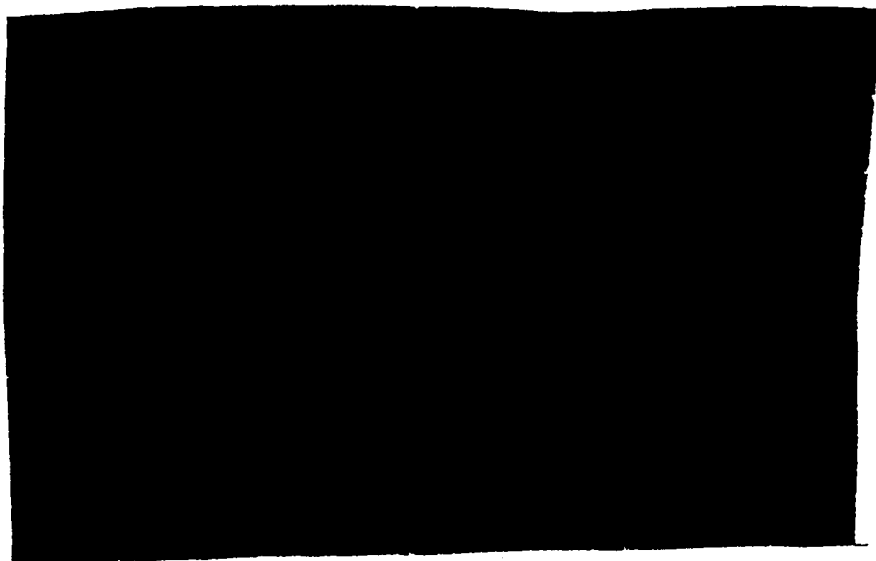
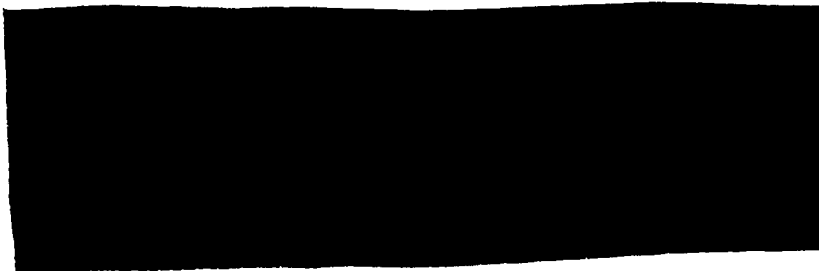


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Comment: //Although Islamabad will move quickly to end the fighting by a show of force combined with negotiations among tribal elders, Kurram will remain the scene of sporadic disturbances. During the past two years tensions between the locally dominant Shia Turis and smaller Sunni tribes have on three occasions led to serious intertribal violence and clashes between local tribesmen and Afghan refugees. The Turis feel threatened by the large population of mostly Sunni refugees in Kurram. The Soviets could exploit the situation to put pressure on Islamabad to ease its stand on Afghanistan.//



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